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FACT SHEET 3

THE EAST TIMOR RESISTANCE

: The East Timor Resistance to Indonesian occupation comprises all social and age groups.

: The leader of the Resistance is José Alexander Gusmao, known usually by his "nomme de guerre" Xanana. He is 44 years old, and a journalist and poet.

: Xanana is the head of the National Council of the Maubere Resistance - CNRM.

: Based in the mountains of East Timor, the CNRM is a non-partisan umbrella body comprising FRETILIN, the main political force in East Timor; FALANTIL, the guerilla army; and RENETIL, the largest underground youth organization.

: FRETILIN is a nationalist front encompassing people of all political persuasions, although the dominant faction is now social democratic.

: FALANTIL is the liberation army set up by FRETILIN and until 1986 it was its armed wing. However, in an effort to consolidate national unity FALANTIL in 1986 ceased to be a partisan army, to have all the characteristics of a truly national army in a democratic society where the army owes loyalty only to its constitution and not to a political party.

: Today there isn't any organized indigenous group which supports Indonesia. Members of a small group called APODETI set up by Indonesian intelligence in 1974, have all turned against Indonesia. Indonesian collaborators are a handful of social and political marginals, most of whom have criminal records such as robbery, murder and rape.

: The CNRM's diplomatic spokesperson is José Ramos-Horta(see biography in Annex).

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NOTES ON JOSE RAMOS HORTA

: Born and grown up in East Timor.

: Writes and speaks Tétun, Portuguese, English, French, Spanish.

: Author and journalist, written extensively on international affairs.

: Degrees in Journalism, International Relations, and International Law, having studied in the United States(Columbia University, Antioch College); France(International Institute of Human Rights); Holland(The Hague Academy of International Law), and was a Senior Fellow in International relations at the University of Oxford.

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